

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (new): A composition consisting essentially of:

up to 40 weight percent of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer;

dimethylsulfoxide; and

from greater than 40 to 60 weight percent of tantalum contrast agent having an average particle size of about 5 microns or less;

wherein the ratio of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer to the tantalum contrast agent is 0.07 or greater and the weight percent of each component is based on the total weight of the composition; and

further wherein said composition has a viscosity of 150 cSt or higher at 40°C.

Claim 26 (new): The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the tantalum contrast agent is employed at a concentration of from greater than 40 to 55 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 27 (new): The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the tantalum contrast agent is employed at a concentration of from 45 to 50 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 28 (new): The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the average particle size of the tantalum contrast agent is from 2 microns to 3 microns.

Claim 29 (new): The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the concentration of dimethylsulfoxide is from 20 weight percent to less than 58 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 30 (new): The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the ratio of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer to the tantalum contrast agent is 0.07-0.182.

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